

## **Behavioral Health Commission- Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 02:00 p.m.

Children's Hospital of The Kings Daughters, Norfolk, VA

### **Members Present**

Senator R. Creigh Deeds, Chair

Senator Barbara A. Favola

Senator Emmett W. Hanger Jr.

Senator T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason

Delegate Robert B. Bell

Delegate Tara A. Durant

Delegate Patrick A. Hope (virtual)

Delegate Vivian E. Watts

### **Members Absent**

Delegate Emily M. Brewer

Delegate Sam Rasoul

Delegate John G. Avoli

Senator George L. Barker

Call to order and opening remarks- Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Executive Director Nathalie Molliet-Ribet gave members an organizational update related to BHC staffing and milestones. She also briefed members on the progress made by the workgroup studying ways to increase alternative custody arrangements, and the workgroup tasked with examining potential restructuring options for DBHDS. Lastly, she presented to members several metrics on inpatient services capacity in Virginia's behavioral health system.

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters staff, Amy Sampson, Dr. Carl Petersen, Dr. Mary Margaret Gleason and Jack Warburton, gave an overview of their hospital including details about their newest addition, the children's mental health inpatient unit in the Children's Pavilion, which will be opening this fall.

Jennifer Wicker from VHHA provided in-person public comments to the BHC members.

Meeting adjourned.

Upon adjournment, CHKD provided a tour of the children's mental health inpatient unit to legislative members and staff.

**Next Commission meeting will be on October 18, 2022 @ 2 pm in Richmond, VA.**